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REMARKS

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Information

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1. Between 3 and 23 June 1954, the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne (8441) in Saalfeld was occupied by about 500 soldiers, including 75 percent wearing black-bordered black epaulets and the others red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 2 and 4 rocket launchers were seen on several days of observation. Little training was observed. On 11 June, 80 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, armed with submachine guns and carrying entrenching tools and stadia rods marched toward Unterairbach. The wooden towers along the Aue-am-Berg-Unterairbach roads were painted light-blue and holes, about 3 meters in diameter, were dug beside the towers. Fifty soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were employed there.

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2. Between 1000 and noon on 24 June, an engineer unit of about 200 soldiers, who wore black-bordered black epaulets, was entrained at the Saalfeld freight station. The shipment included: 32 pontoons, 2 motorboats, 1 ambulance, 1 field kitchen, 8 truck trailers, 65 beams, and 1 car with logs.

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3. Between 26 April and 3 July, the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne was occupied by about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. At 1600 on 1 July, a unit of 25 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets practiced with M-13 rocket launchers between Saalfeld and Pörschneck. At 0800 on 2 July, truck occupied by 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and M-13 rocket launchers left the training area for the barracks installation. At about 0900, about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets dug themselves in in the Beulwitz training area. The soldiers were armed with submachine guns and carried gas masks and rolled blankets. At about 1000 green gas-protective coveralls were shipped to the training area by truck. Subsequently the soldiers were instructed how to use the coveralls.

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[] Comment. The 316th Gds RL Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps has been stationed in the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne until 3 July. The 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which had also been carried in the installation was no longer determined there after 16 May although no departure had been observed. Since the two other battalions of the corps from Jena and Rudolstadt transferred to Dessau-Aken on 3 May, the 45th Gds Engr Bn had also been carried there. The engineer battalion of the 20th Gds Mech Div departed from Dessau-Aken between 20 and 22 June. It is undetermined whether the battalion, contrary to previous assumptions, actually transferred to Dessau-Aken as late as 24 June, as indicated in the present report, or whether, shortly, after its return from Aken, the battalion again transferred possibly to Ohrdruf. The latter possibility is supported by the observation on 23 June of 20 heavily dusted trucks []

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